



Achieving Success Together

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Dear Parent/Carers

We hope you and your families are all well. It is great to see the smiles and hear the voices and laughter of the children we have in school today. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school and getting back to normal. We hope that this will be as soon as possible in September.

Staff have been working hard to get the school ready for as many children as possible, keeping in mind the safety and wellbeing of staff and pupils.

We have taken time to ensure that all guidelines have been followed and implemented. We have extra cleaning products including hand sanitizers, wipes, disinfectant sprays, masks, face shields and aprons. Cleaning staff are on site throughout the day to ensure the site is clean. Staff and children clean their resources and work area throughout the day. Hands are washed every half hour.

Measures to have a safe environment includes:

1. Green markings for parents 2 metres distance – outside on the walls
2. Markings on the floor
3. Desks and chairs set out at 2 metres distance
4. Staying in groups with the same staff and the same children
5. Lunch in the classrooms in the same group
6. Access to testing for anyone with symptoms - staff and children.

We want to welcome more children next week. The maximum number of tables we can have in school in order to comply with the social distancing rule is 65 tables for children to work at. Some tables will have a group of brothers, sisters and cousins where possible.

We have made sure children are able to work safely in classrooms at the 2 metres social distancing.

We have 30 children in school this week. Children are working in family groups – they can sit with their brothers, sister and cousins - from years 1 to 6.

If you would like to send your child to school next week, please text to let us know the name and year group of the child/children you will send to school. This will be on a first come, first served basis. Numbers will be limited due to social distancing. You can send all your children; the choice is yours.

REPORTS

Staff are writing reports. These will be emailed to you. If you would prefer a paper copy, please let us know. The reports are shorter than the usual reports sent in July each year.



CHROMEBOOKS

We are fortunate to have enough chrome-books in school. We have invested in these devices to give our children access to digital learning, to develop their confidence and skills ready for high school and beyond. We made a commitment to allow children to take them home. To ensure children can use the devices safely, there is Smoothwall monitoring system in place. The chrome-books guest options are removed so children must log in using their own name. If a child types or searches for anything inappropriate Mrs Wright, Mrs Irfan and Miss Cox all receive an email with a screen shot of what has been typed. We investigate the incident and will contact parents to share any concerns. **We are committed to keeping children safe, as they develop their knowledge, skills and understanding.**

We have a fire wall – computer security software - in school. This helps to block inappropriate information. Please make sure you have age-appropriate filters at home. We will have sessions to help next academic year.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

We are inviting you to come into school with your children so we can give you information on Google Classroom. This will take place in the hall. You will be able to sit with your children. Miss Cox will lead the sessions. This will give you an opportunity to ask any questions, see how the children can submit work to their teachers and be shown what else can be done on Google Classroom.

We will ensure social distancing. You can bring all the children in your family if you are invited to the sessions so you only have to make one visit to school. Masks and gloves will be available on entry to the sessions.

We are inviting year 2 to year 5 week beginning Monday 22 June 2020 at 9:15am to 10:30am or 1:15pm to 2:30pm. We will text the times we would like you to attend.

LEARNING AT HOME DURING LOCKDOWN

We will be requesting that the chromebooks are returned to school on Monday 13 July. We will confirm the times later. We want the children to have a really good attempt at completing more work before they come back. Some children have completed every task. Some children have completed a few tasks. Some children have completed hardly any work, if at all.

Many children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 have followed the planning from the website, and have worked hard during their time at home. Some parents have found this easier than others. We hope parents in years 2 to 5 take the opportunity to attend the sessions with Miss Cox.

TRANSITION FOR YEAR SIX

All Year 6 children across Bradford will be studying a specific book titled Boy 87. We are currently in the process of planning using the study materials provided. We are inviting all year 6 children to come to school to collect a copy of the book, and to return chromebooks on Monday 13 July 2020.

We will invite Year 6 pupils in groups of 12 – to say a very sad good-bye during the week beginning Monday 13 July.

We will use the hall to ensure that we are socially distancing. We will also present them with a gift from Bankfoot.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS VOUCHERS

Free school meals vouchers will continue during the summer holidays. These have already been ordered. They will be distributed during the holidays.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J S Wright

Headteacher





Masks

Disinfectant

Markings

Protecting

Visors

Gloves

Our School

Handwashing

Wipes

Community

Aprons

Hand gel

Thermometer



